

Youth Resource Connections

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Youth Headlines

Upcoming Peer-to-Peer Training on MIS. A MIS Training will be offered March 19-21, 2002 in Tucson, AZ. All Youth Opportunity (YO!) grantees are expected to send two people. They should be the YO! Performance/Information Director (i.e., staff person who is responsible for performance management and information analysis) and the YO! MIS Manager (i.e., staff person responsible for data systems administration and MIS technical support).

The training will focus on two areas of performance: (1) improving the quality (and amount) of data collected; and (2) using that data to manage your program. At the end of this workshop, participants should have an increased knowledge and understanding data collection workflow; data based decision-making and a variety of methods to extract data (ad hoc reporting). Hotel information and a more detailed agenda will be sent out by the end of January. For more information please contact Gregg Weltz at 202/693-3527, gweltz@doleta.gov or Anne Stom at 202/693-3377.

AUDIO CONFERENCE January 31 To Focus on Expanding Job Opportunities.

The National League of Cities (NLC) Institute for Youth, Education, and Families will host an audio conference, "Effective City Programs to Expand Job Opportunities for Parents & Youth in Tough Economic Times," on Thursday, January 31, 2002 at 12:30 p.m. (EST). The audio conference will show how transitional jobs programs can help hard-to-employ youth and adults secure jobs with family-supporting wages. To register, please e-mail or fax your name, title, organization, mailing address (including street, city, state, and zip), telephone, fax, and e-mail to Andrea Reid at reid@nlc.org or 202/626-3043. No telephone registrations can be accepted. The deadline to register is c.o.b. Monday, January 28, 2002. For more information, visit the NLC web site at www.nlc.org.

Update on Disabilities Issues. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary, Tommy Thompson, recently submitted to President George W. Bush a preliminary report delineating actions response to Executive Order 13217: Community-Based Alternatives for Individuals with Disabilities. For more information visit www.hhs.gov/newfreedom/presidentrpt.html

Native American Youth Opportunities

- *Native American Internships.* Native American undergraduate or graduate students, who are formally or informally related to a Native American community, may be appointed to pursue 10-week internship projects related to Native American topics and using Native American resources at the Smithsonian Institution. Appointments are spent in residence at the Institution's facilities under the supervision of Smithsonian research and professional staff members. Appointments provide stipends and a travel allowance. **Deadline:** February 1st for Summer (to begin after June 1st) June 1st for Fall (to begin after October 1st) October 1st for Spring (to begin after January 1st). Stipend: \$350 per week. For further information visit <http://www.si.edu/ofg/intern.htm>
- *Graduate Fellowships for American Indians.* The American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) of Albuquerque, New Mexico, announces the availability of graduate fellowships for 2002-2003 for American Indian and Alaskan Native students from federally recognized U.S. tribes. **Deadline for 2002-2003 Academic Year is June 3, 2002.** Download an application on <http://www.aigc.com/Fellowship%20Application/fellowship-application.htm>
- *Full Scholarships For American Indians in Masters Social Work Program* at George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis, MO. Full scholarships are available for Native students who plan to work in the Indian community upon graduation. Students do not need be enrolled in a tribe but need to show previous involvement in their tribal community or in the larger Indian community. **Deadline: March 1.** Download an application on <http://www.gwbweb.wustl.edu/academic/msw/admit/admit.html>

Internship and Fellowship Opportunities.

- *Student Conservation Association (SCA) Internship.* Internships from 12 weeks up to 12 months are available through SCA. Work alongside accomplished professionals at public and private natural and cultural resource management agencies throughout the U.S. Intern applicants must be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or equivalent. For more information, go to the SCA website at: <http://www.sca-inc.org/vol/raca/raca.htm>
- *Minority Internships.* The Office of Fellowships offers a number of opportunities to increase participation of minority groups who are underrepresented in Smithsonian scholarly programs, in the disciplines of research conducted at the Institution, and in the museum field. Download an application on <http://www.si.edu/ofg/intern.htm>.
- *James E. Webb Internship for Minority Undergraduate Seniors and Graduate Students in Business and Public Administration.* Internships throughout the Smithsonian Institute in the management of not-for-profit scientific and cultural organizations are offered to U.S. minority undergraduate seniors and graduate students majoring in areas of business or public administration. Download an application on <http://www.si.edu/ofg/intern.htm>.

- *National Public Radio* offers a wide array of internships. Further information may be found on www.npr.org/about/jobs/intern/index.html

WIA Youth Updates

Region II News. The Welfare-to-Work (WtW) Team jointly hosted a two-day conference with Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Children and Families in Philadelphia, January 9-10, 2002. Attendees included the Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF) Directors from each of the States in the region, the WtW competitive and formula Grantees, and several Workforce Development staff from Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. The conference addressed serving TANF/WtW clients with multiple barriers to employment and attempted to discover and articulate ways of collaborating to provide better services to this population.

Region VI News. Download the January 2002 issue of *Youth Connections West*, a newsletter designed to provide a forum for DOL-funded youth service providers and other partners to share resources and strategies that will increase the effectiveness of individual programs and to expand the opportunities for collaborations that benefit youth. Published by the Seattle/San Francisco DOL Regional Office, the newsletter may be found on <http://www.doleta.gov/regions/reg06/documents/january2002.pdf>.

Comments Sought on Data Collection of WIA and Wagner Peyser Services Which Do Not Require Registration. Through an announcement in the January 16 FEDERAL REGISTER, ETA is now soliciting comments concerning the proposed new collection of data on the costs and usage of WIA and Wagner Peyser services that do not require registration. ETA has formally announced this pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. **Comments are due March 18, 2002.** For more information visit, http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-1111-filed.pdf.

Publications/Reports/Resources

Youth Learn Guide is designed to implement high-quality, technology-enriched learning activities and was developed by the Morino Institute and the Education Development Center Inc. (EDC). Educators, youth development professionals, and others will find hands-on lessons, worksheets, and sample activities that have proven effective at inspiring young people's curiosity and creativity. Information about ordering the guide may be found on www.youthlearn.org/guide.

The National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center (NYVPRC) offers a central source of information on prevention and intervention programs, publications, research, and statistics on violence committed by and against children and teens. The Resource Center is the product of a collaboration between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other Federal agencies. The NYVPRC Web site-- <http://www.safeyouth.org/>

and call center 1-866-SAFEYOUTH (723-3968) serve as a user-friendly, single point of access to Federal information on youth violence prevention and suicide.

Involving Youth in Community Needs Assessment. Youth programs have an opportunity to integrate community service learning with community development by involving young people in designing and conducting needs assessment surveys. To learn more about how to develop and implement these activities, see the article, "Everybody Wins: Involving Youth in Community Needs Assessment." on-line at <http://www.joe.org/joe/1995april/a1.html>

Funding Opportunities

Rockefeller Foundation Offers Funding for Community Cultural Development Projects. In the 2002 funding round, grants will be given to a range of U.S.-based projects in which community artists or teams use their artistic and organizing skills to advance the development of an identified community, be it geographic (e.g., a neighborhood or small town), a community of interest (e.g., shipyard workers, victims of environmental racism), or any other affinity (e.g., Latino teenagers, elders who use a senior center). **Deadline: May 17, 2002.** For complete guidelines and application information, see the Rockefeller Foundation Web site. <http://www.rockfound.org/display.asp?context=3&collection=0&subcollection=0&DocID=482&SectionTypeID=16>

Solicitation Announced for Migrant Seasonal Farm workers (MSFW) Youth Program Funds. ETA announces the availability of funds to provide MSFW youth workforce investment activities. It is anticipated that up to \$10,000,000 will be available for the grant year (commencing April 1, 2002) for funding up to 15 projects covered by this Solicitation. **The competition closes on February 15, 2002.** Additional information is available through the January 9 FEDERAL REGISTER or on http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-494-filed.

Quality Child Care Initiative Proposals Announcement. The Employment Training Administration/ Bureau of Apprenticeship Training is inviting proposals for up to ten (10) awards. Proposals are sought for providing a credentialed career path for development of professional child care provider through the utilization of the National Registered Apprenticeship System; which will reduce turnover, increase wages for providers, provide a more stable environment for children and lower the concern of parents. Eligible applicants include States that have a State Apprenticeship Agency (SAA), State Agencies designated by the Governor, Governors Early Childhood Initiative, and other State Agencies with responsibility for child care regulations or funding. **Closing date is March 11, 2002.** Additional background appears in the January 9 FEDERAL REGISTER.

Websites

Workforce Tools of the Trade. Helping Workforce Professionals Excel includes more than 2000 descriptions of courses, books, web sites, reports and sample materials designed to help workforce development system managers, staff and partners excel. The information is part of America's Career Kit. www.workforcetools.org

Important Dates to Remember

February 1. 5th Annual Ground Hog Job Shadow Day www.jobshadow.org.

February 5-6. (Region V) WIA/TANF/WtW/Child Support Enforcement and Food Stamps/ETA Joint Conference, Chicago.

February 16-19. *National Youth Summit on Preventing Violence*, Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA. For more information please go to www.ncpc.org/summit

February 19-21. *Rewarding Youth Achievement Peer-to-Peer Training*. San Diego, CA. For more information contact Donna Kelly at 202/693-3934 or dkelly@doleta.gov.

February 24-26. *Occupational Skills Training*. San Antonio, TX. For more information please contact Gloria Salas-Kos at 202-693-3596 or gsalas@doleta.gov

March 1. Deadline for entries to the Youth Opportunity Grants film contest. For details, please contact Anne Stom at (202) 693-3377 or astom@doleta.gov

March 19-21. *MIS Training*. Tucson, AZ. For more information please contact Gregg Weltz at 202/693-3527 or gweltz@doleta.gov or Anne Stom at 202/693-3377 or astom@doleta.gov.

March 21. *National League of Cities Audio Conference* 12:30 p.m. Getting Youth Into the Act: Strategies to Promote Youth Participation in Your Community. For more info please go to www.nlc.org

March 20-23. *National Service Learning Conference* at the Seattle Convention Center. Applications are available on the NYLC web site at: www.nylc.org/conference2002/

March 24-27. *Southeastern Employment and Training Association 2002 Spring Conference in Nashville, TN* www.seta.org

April 10-12. *Arts to Career Peer-to-Peer Training*. Denver, CO. For more information please contact Gloria Salas-Kos at 202/693-3596 or gsalas@doleta.gov

April 18. Deadline for Seventh Annual PEPNet Award Recognition. Applications are available on the National Youth Employment Coalition web site:

<http://www.nyec.org/pepnet/>

April 28-30. Mark your calendar now for the RURAL WORKFORCE 2002 CONFERENCE to be held April 28-30 at the Reno Hilton - Reno, NV. For more information visit <http://www.tocowa.org/>.

May 1-3. Year 3 Youth Opportunity Grant Partners Meeting – Tampa, FL.

July 20-26. *National Leadership Institute*, Leesburg, VA. Contact: Linda Reed at lreed@npcl.org

December 7-13. *National Leadership Institute*, Leesburg, VA. Contact: Linda Reed at lreed@npcl.org.